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COMMITTEE FOR FARM GROWTH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a Committee to examine the causes of persistent slowdown in the farm growth;

(b) if so, the composition of members of the Committee and the manner in which it will examine the causes of persistent slowdown in the farm growth;

(c) whether the Agricultural Universities` Research Centres in various States would be upgraded to boost the production of farm products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The National Commission on Farmers reconstituted in November, 2004 has as its terms of reference issues relating to working out a comprehensive medium-term strategy for food and nutrition security, enhancing productivity based on an agro-ecological and agro-climatic approach, enhancing investment in agri-research etc. The reconstituted National Commission on Farmers is headed by Dr. M.S.Swaminathan with two full- time Members, four part- time Members and one Member Secretary. The Commission is expected to submit its final report within two years of its composition.

(c): At present, there is no proposal to upgrade Agricultural Universities` Research Centres in various states.

(d): Does not arise.